His purpose fulfilled...

Celebration of Life

for

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

ST. LUCIA EASTERN CARIBBEAN JURISDICTION

Berresford Augustus Bingham

Sunrise- August 17, 1946 *Sunset- January 25, 2011*

Monday, February 7, 2011 10AM

Glad Tidings Church Of God In Christ

27689 Tyrrell Avenue

Hayward, CA 94544

Bishop Jerry W. Macklin, Eulogist

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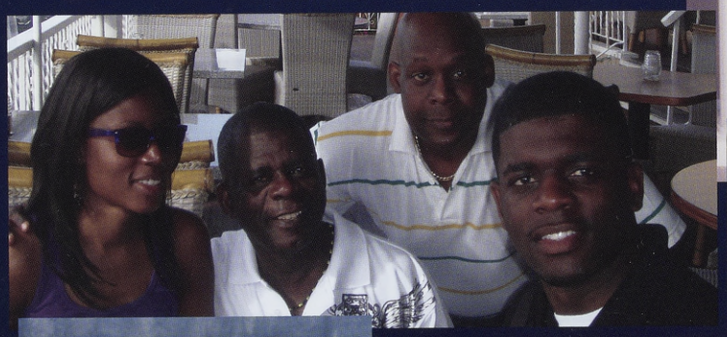

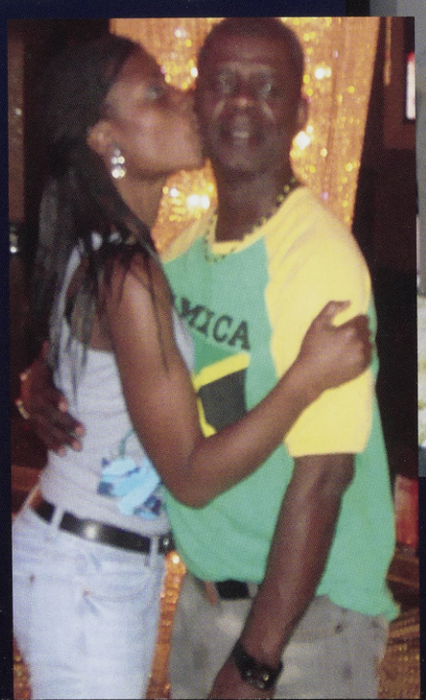

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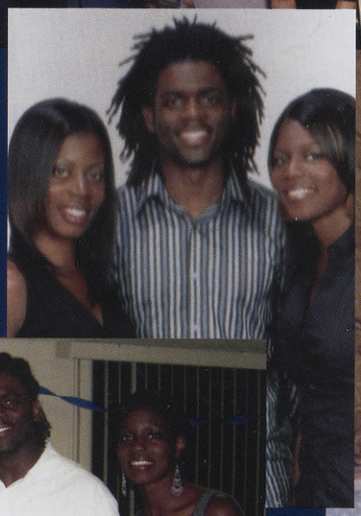

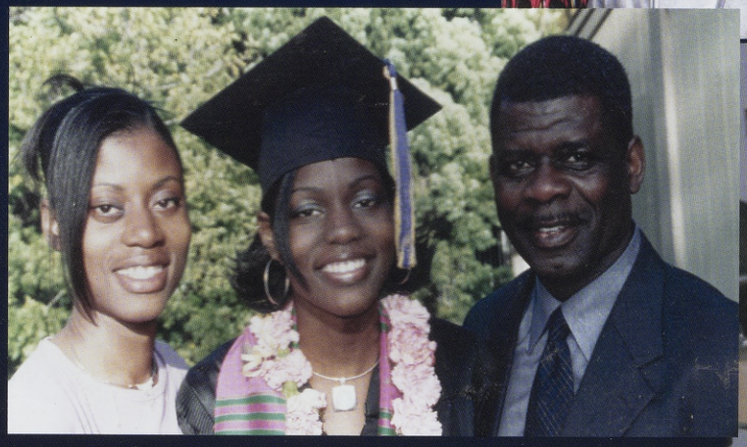

Biographical Sketch
Administrative Assistant Berresford Augustus Bingham

Berresford "Berry" (affectionately known as "Tyrone") Augustus Bingham was born on August 17, 1946 in Montego Bay, Jamaica to the late Elder, Alfred Augustus Bingham, Sr. and Ms. Olive Brown. At the age of 18 he immigrated to the United States. He lived with his family until joining the United States Navy. Elder Berresford A. Bingham met Kathy E. Avery and the two wed in holy matrimony in 1976. He accepted the Lord as his Savior at the Peaceful Holiness Church in Honolulu, Hawaii. After several relocations due to the Navy the couple was stationed with their three children Kenya, Jovon and Brian in Alameda, California.

The entire family joined the Greater Refuge Whittington Temple Church of God in Christ (C.O.G.I.C.) under the leadership of the late Supt. E. Whittington, currently Supt. C.L. Wheeler, Sr.
Subsequent to acknowledging his calling, Elder Berresford Bingham was licensed to preach by Bishop L.B. Mays and ordained an Elder in the Church of God in Christ by the late Bishop L.B. Johnson, former Prelate of the California Northeast Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. For 20 years, Elder Berresford Bingham was a faithful member, serving as the Superintendent for the lower division Sunday School Department and a Senior class Sunday School teacher. In 2005, lead by the Lord, Elder Berresford Bingham joined the Greater Mingleton Temple C.O.G.I.C where he continued to diligently serve the Lord as a teacher of the New Members class and Chief of Protocol.

Elder Berresford Bingham served in numerous leadership capacities both in the church and in the community including but not limited to:

- *Jurisdictional Adjutant to the late Bishop R.B. Stewart and the late Bishop L.B. Johnson*
- *Appointed Episcopal Adjutant to Bishop J.C. Jenkins, Prelate of the California Northeast*
- *Appointed Chief Adjutant for the California Northeast Jurisdiction*
- *Appointed Adjutant of the Church of God in Christ International*
- *Appointed Administrative Assistant St. Lucia Eastern Caribbean Jurisdiction*
- *Honorable Retiree of the United States Navy after 20 years of service, Petty Officer IC-1*
- *Political Director for SEIU- Local 616 and Community Strength Coordinator for Local 1021*
- *Member of the Board of Directors State Assistance Fund for Enterprise (SAFE-BIDCO) 2005-09*
- *Elected member of the Alameda Unified School Board of Education (1994 – 2003)*
- *Past President of the California Black School Board Association*
- *Former member of the Alameda County Chief Probation Officer Advisory Committee*
- *Former member of the Board of Directors Tri-High Center*

Elder Berresford A. Bingham will be remembered by many as the "community dad" for his loving demeanor, strength, leadership, service and conscience. He was soccer coach, personal mentor, and invited guest lecturer at the University of California, Riverside. His life was filled with many passions such as traveling, cooking, reading, and most importantly, sharing the Gospel beyond church walls. His accomplishments were countless and he touched the lives of so many people everywhere including international destinations.

He leaves to cherish his memory his former wife and friend, Kathy Bingham; three adored children, Dr. Kenya Bingham Psalms (Merrick), Jovon Bingham and Brian A. Bingham, one cherished granddaughter Myla Psalms, mom, Annie Lee Bingham, siblings, Gloria Guishaard, Gloria "Betty" Lewis (Hopeton), Frances Houston, Pearl Marrow, Alfred A. Bingham, Brian P. Bingham, Sr. (Gail), Melanie Bingham, Esq., Lynette Johnson (Paul), Lori Bouthllier, Cynthia Bingham, Sharon Floyd (Albert). Sister-in-laws, Alice Hackley, and Stella Joseph. Grandmothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews in the United States, United Kingdom and Jamaica. He had numerous God children and adopted children whom he loved and adored.

He was preceded in death by his father Alfred Bingham, Sr., mother Olive Brown, and brother, Lloyd Thompson.

We are all so blessed to have known such a man. His legacy will never be forgotten.

PROGRAM EXPEDITOR

Pastor Cornell C.S. Wheeler

✝ *Processional*

✝ *Sealing of the Bier*

✝ *Prayer of Comfort*.....*Apostle Raymond E. Mack*

✝ *Old Testament Scripture*.....*Evangelist James Bellamy Sr.*

"What shall I render to the LORD for all His bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalms 116:12-15

✝ *Choral Response*.....*Celebration Mass Choir*

✝ *New Testament Scripture*.....*Dr. Charley Hames, Jr.,*
SENIOR PASTOR- BEEBE MEMORIAL CATHEDRAL

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." 1 Corinthians 15:51 & 52

Musical Selection.....*Celebration Mass Choir*
"WHEN THE BATTLE IS OVER" *Vocalist: Sister Chanele Wheeler*

Acknowledgment of Clergy/Bishops

Expressions (3 minutes please)

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated.....*Brother Mikail Ali,*
GAMMA PHI LAMBDA CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Alameda Unified School District.....*Sylvia Kahn,*
TEACHER

Jason Johnson,
AUSD GRADUATE

Bingham Family Official Media Spokesperson.....*Reverend Dion Evans*

SEIU.....*Fran Jefferson*

City Officials.....*Mayor Elihu Harris,*
FORMER OAKLAND MAYOR

Keith Carson
ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR- DISTRICT 5

Presentation of Congressional Award.....*The Honorable Congresswoman Barbara Lee*

Musical Selection.....*Celebration Mass Choir*
"WE SHALL BEHOLD HIM"

Biographical Sketch.....*Dr. Barbara Williams*

Acknowledgement of Cards/Condolences/Resolutions.....*Evangelist Jacquelyn Melton-Jenkins*

Expressions (3 minutes please)

CNE Youth Ministry.....*Elder Marcus Turner,*
VICE PRESIDENT

CNE Women's Department.....*Mother Dian Myler,*
JURISDICTIONAL SUPERVISOR OF WOMEN

Resolution from the The National Adjutancy.....*Overseer Jacob Perry*
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

Musical Selection.....*Celebration Mass Choir*
"BY AND BY" *Vocalist: Sister Mary Ann Williams*

Expressions (3 minutes please)

"As My Friend".....*Elder Gary Capers*
"As My Uncle".....*Dr. Christopher Ian Thomas*
"As My Brother".....*Sister Stella Joseph*

Words of Comfort.....*Bishop E. Charles Conners,*
ST. LUCIA EASTERN CARIBBEAN JURISDICTION

Bishop Joseph C. Jenkins,
LOCAL PASTOR/JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE
CALIFORNIA NORTHEAST ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION

The Passing Of The Baton
Elder Brian Augustus Bingham
NORTHWEST REGIONAL PRESIDENT, YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

Sermonic Solo.....*Mother Marcia Riley*
CNE ASSISTANT JURISDICTIONAL SUPERVISOR OF WOMEN

✝ *Introduction of the Eulogist*.....*Bishop Joseph C. Jenkins*
CALIFORNIA NORTHEAST ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION

Eulogy.....*Bishop Jerry W. Macklin,*
SECOND ASSISTANT PRESIDING BISHOP, CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

Recessional

✝ *Please stand where indicated*

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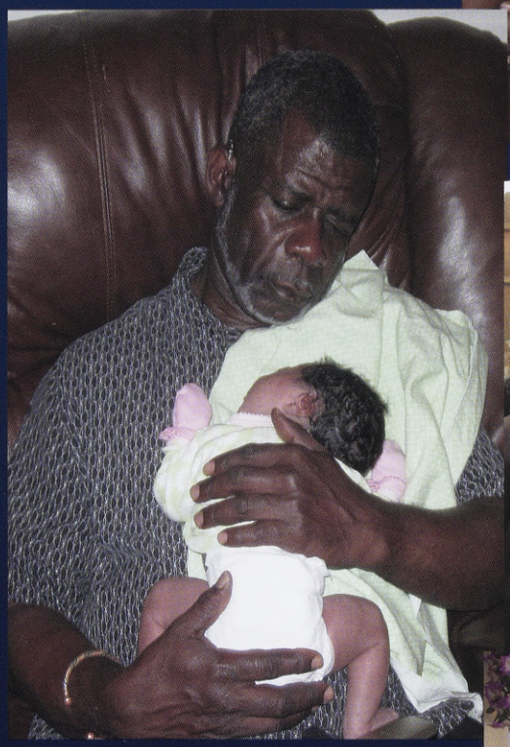

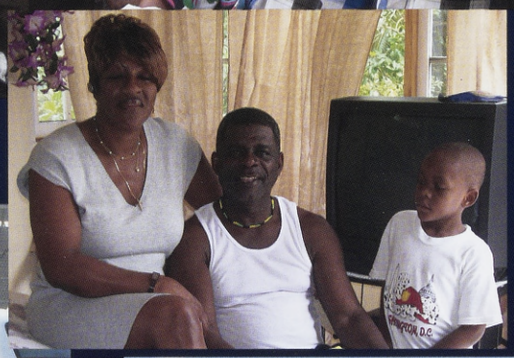

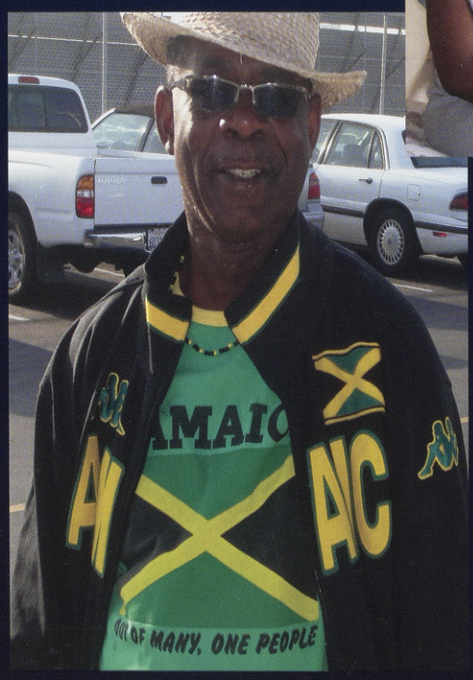

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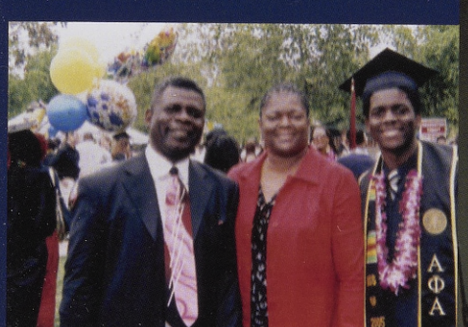
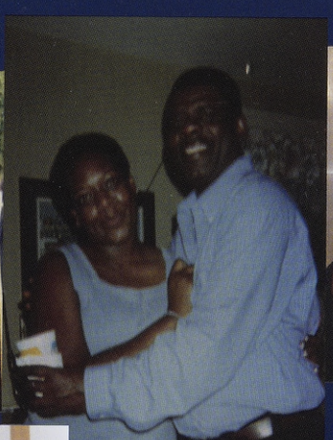
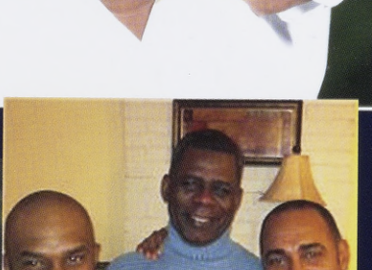




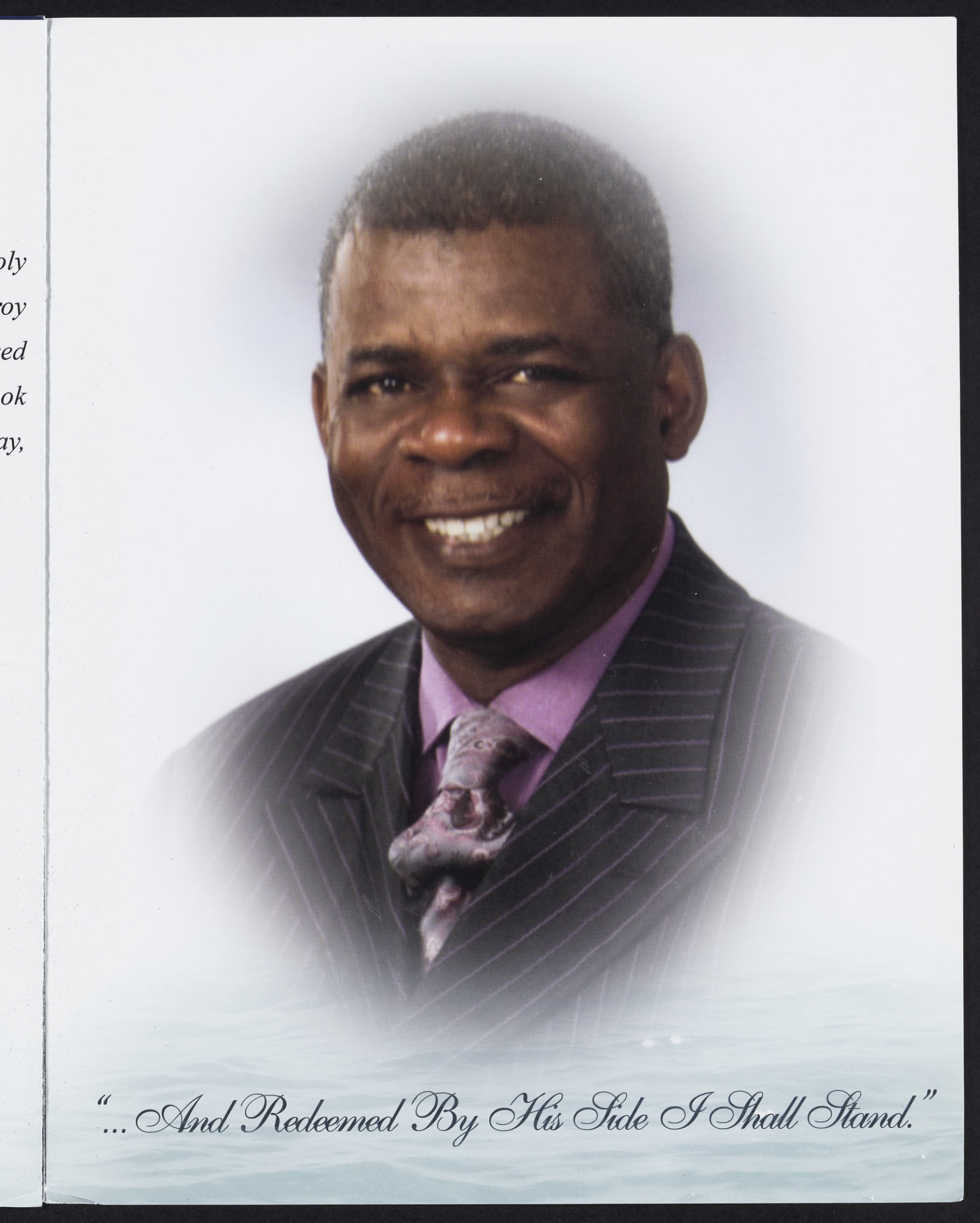


Dear Lord,

The night cometh when no man can work. Bind Your people together in a holy bond of love that the enemy may never break asunder. Break down and destroy every stony heart and stubborn will, watch over us this night, comfort our loved ones at home, and let us look neither to the right nor to the left, but let us look unto You Jesus, in whom there is no shadow of turning. In Jesus name we pray, thank God. Amen.

Written By:
Berresford A. Bingham

Circa 1984
Published Prayer
"Evening Prayers At Sea"
By: The crew of USS Carl Vinson (cvn-70)
Westpac 1984-1985



"... And Redeemed By His Side I Shall Stand."

Pallbearers

Elder Everett Johnson
Elder Billy Dixon
Elder Alfred Chaney
Elder Stuart Peyton
Elder Jerome Harris
Elder James Tucker

Elder Xavier Garrison

Honorary Pallbearers

Elder Jabari Corgile
Elder Sean Evans
Pastor Albert Macklin
Mr. Cortez Avery
Mr. Gregory Floyd
Mr. Ronald Floyd

The Bingham Family would like to extend their sincere gratitude for every prayer, thoughtful gesture and act of kindness rendered on their behalf. Your support and love has been and will continue to be invaluable during this difficult time.

Interment
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Montego Bay, Jamaica

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